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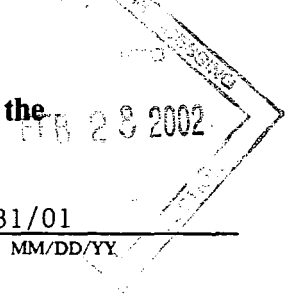
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**Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder**



REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/01 AND ENDING 12/31/01  
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**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

*Auto Club funds, Inc.*

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FIRM ID. NO.

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

1 Auto Club Drive

(No. and Street)

Dearborn

MI

48126

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

Margaret A. Scheske

(313) 336-9002

(Area Code — Telephone No.)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*

Ernst & Young, LLP

(Name — if individual, state last, first, middle name)

One Detroit Center, 500 Woodward Ave., Suite 1700, Detroit, Michigan 48226

(Address)

(City)

(State)

Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

- ☒ Certified Public Accountant
- ☐ Public Accountant
- ☐ Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Margaret A. Scheske, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Auto Club Funds, Inc., as of December 31, ~~XX~~ 2001, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

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Margaret A. Scheske  
Signature  
A.V.P. & Controller  
Title

Pamela H. Pates

Notary Public

PAMELA H. PATES

Notary Public, Wayne County, Michigan

My Commission Expires September 25, 2002

This report\*\* contains (check all applicable boxes):

- ☒ (a) Facing page.  
☒ (b) Statement of Financial Condition.  
☒ (c) Statement of Income (Loss).  
☒ (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.  
☒ (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital.  
/A ☐ (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.  
☒ (g) Computation of Net Capital  
☒ (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.  
☒ (i) Information Relating to the Possession or control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.  
☒ (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.  
/A ☐ (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.  
☒ (l) An Oath or Affirmation.  
/A ☐ (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.  
☒ (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

\*\*For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

Securities and Exchange Commission

Washington, D.C.

Annual Audited Report

Dated--December 31, 2001

Auto Club Funds, Inc.  
(Name of Respondent)

1 Auto Club Drive, Dearborn, Michigan 48126  
(Address of principal executive office)

C. Michael Malloy  
President and Director  
Auto Club Funds, Inc.  
1 Auto Club Drive  
Dearborn, Michigan 48126  
(Name and address of person authorized to receive notices and  
communications from the Securities and Exchange Commission)

**Financial Statements  
Schedules and Supplementary Information**

**Auto Club Funds, Inc.**

**December 31, 2001**

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## Report of Independent Auditors

Board of Directors and Stockholder  
Auto Club Funds, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Auto Club Funds, Inc. as of December 31, 2001 and the related statements of income, cash flows, and changes in stockholder's equity for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Auto Club Funds, Inc. at December 31, 2001 the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in the supplemental schedules is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

*Ernst & Young LLP*

February 8, 2002

**Statement of Financial Condition**  
**Auto Club Funds, Inc.**

**December 31, 2001**

**Assets**

Cash	\$ 28,161
Securities owned	
Marketable, at market value (amortized cost totaled \$293,558)	306,675
Not readily marketable, at cost (approximates fair value)	55,800
Accrued investment income	2,362
Other assets	3,234
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$396,232</u></b>

**Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity**

**Liabilities**

Accounts payable	\$ 2,206
Payable to parent	8,479
Deferred federal income taxes	4,600
Federal income taxes payable to parent	10,300
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b><u>25,585</u></b>

**Stockholder's equity**

Common stock, par value \$1 per share, 100,000 shares authorized, issued and outstanding	100,000
Additional paid-in capital	150,000
Retained earnings	
Restricted--minimum net capital	5,000
Unrestricted	115,647
<b>Total retained earnings</b>	<b><u>120,647</u></b>
<b>Total stockholder's equity</b>	<b><u>370,647</u></b>

**Total Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity** **\$396,232**

*See accompanying notes*

**Statement of Income**  
**Auto Club Funds, Inc.**

**Year Ended December 31, 2001**

**Income**

Investment income	\$ 35,441
Commission income	<u>75,427</u>
	110,868

**Expenses**

Employee compensation and benefits	39,873
Occupancy and equipment rental	2,373
Professional fees	7,070
Fees and licenses	6,249
Other expenses	<u>5,873</u>
	<u>61,438</u>

<b>Income Before</b>	
<b>Federal Income Taxes</b>	49,430

**Federal income taxes**

Current	10,300
Deferred	<u>6,400</u>
	16,700

<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>\$ 32,730</u></u>
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*See accompanying notes*

**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**Auto Club Funds, Inc.**

**Year Ended December 31, 2001**

**Operating Activities**

Net income	\$ 32,730
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities	
Accretion of bond discount	1,767
Deferred income taxes	6,400
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	
Securities owned, net	(18,442)
Accrued investment income	(102)
Other assets	2,411
Accounts payable	(707)
Payable to parent	7,098
Federal income taxes payable to parent	<u>(5,409)</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b>25,746</b>
Cash at beginning of year	<u>2,415</u>
Cash at end of year	<u><u>\$ 28,161</u></u>
 Federal income taxes paid to parent	 <u><u>\$ 15,709</u></u>

*See accompanying notes*



**Statement of Changes in Stockholder's Equity**  
**Auto Club Funds, Inc.**

**Year Ended December 31, 2001**

	<b>Common Stock</b>	<b>Additional Paid-In Capital</b>	<b>Retained Earnings</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance at January 1, 2001	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$ 87,917	\$337,917
Net income			32,730	32,730
Balance at December 31, 2001	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$120,647	\$370,647

*See accompanying notes*

**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**Auto Club Funds, Inc.**

**December 31, 2001**

**Note A—Organization**

Auto Club Funds, Inc. (the Company), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Auto Club Insurance Association (the Parent company), is registered as a broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Company's transactions as a broker-dealer are limited to the sale of redeemable securities of registered investment companies and variable annuity contracts in the State of Michigan.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Such estimates and assumptions could change in the future as more information becomes known which could impact the amounts reported and disclosed herein.

**Note B—Significant Accounting Policies**

**Commissions**

Commission income is recognized when received.

**Related Party Transactions**

In the normal course of operations, the Company has transactions with The Auto Club Group and its subsidiaries (affiliated companies) and its parent (Note A). Such transactions relate principally to reimbursement for direct salaries and employee benefits, rental of office space for shared facilities and other services.

**Securities Owned**

Marketable securities are valued at market value and consist of a U.S. Government Agency bond. Securities not readily marketable include securities for which there is no market on a securities exchange or no independent publicly quoted market. These securities are stated at cost which approximates fair value and consist of National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. common stock and warrants.

**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**Auto Club Funds, Inc.**

**December 31, 2001**

**Note C--Income Taxes**

The Company is included within the consolidated federal income tax return filed by its parent company. Federal income taxes are computed based on the Company's separate taxable income using its parent's consolidated tax rate. Taxable income differs from book income for items which are treated differently in the tax return and financial statements. Deferred income taxes reflect the net effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes. The Company's deferred tax liability at December 31, 2001 relates to unrealized gains on marketable securities owned.

**Note D--Net Capital Requirements**

The Company is required to maintain \$5,000 as a minimum net capital as defined under Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

**Computation of Net Capital Pursuant to Rule 15c3-1**  
**Auto Club Funds, Inc.**

**December 31, 2001**

**Computation of Net Capital**

Total stockholder's equity (from Statement of Financial Condition)	\$370,647
Less:	
Nonallowable assets	4,056
Haircut deduction	64,657
	<u>64,657</u>
<b>Net Capital</b>	<b><u>\$301,934</u></b>
 Total aggregate indebtedness from Statement of Financial Condition	 <u>\$ 25,585</u>

**Computation of Basic Net Capital Requirements**

Net capital requirement (the greater of 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness or \$5,000)	\$ 5,000
 Excess net capital	 \$296,934
 Percent of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	 8.5%
 Percent of debt to debt-equity total computed in accordance with Rule 15c3-1(d)	 N/A

**Computation for Determination of Reserve  
Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3**

**Auto Club Funds, Inc.**

**December 31, 2001**

The Company is exempt from Rule 15c3-3 pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph (k) (1) thereof.

**Information Relating to the Possession or Control  
Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3**

**Auto Club Funds, Inc.**

**December 31, 2001**

The Company is exempt from Rule 15c3-3 pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph (k) (1) thereof.

**Reconciliation of Computation of Net Capital  
Pursuant to Rule 17a-5(d)(4)**

**Auto Club Funds, Inc.**

**December 31, 2001**

There were no material differences between the Computation of Net Capital under Rule 15c3-1 included in this report and the computations included in the Company's corresponding unaudited Form x-17a-5 Part IIA filing as of December 31, 2001.

## Independent Auditor's Report on the Internal Control Structure Required by SEC Rule 17a-5

Board of Directors and Stockholder  
Auto Club Funds, Inc.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of Auto Club Funds, Inc. (the Company), for the year ended December 31, 2001, we considered its internal control, including activities for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

Also, as required by rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company, including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the criteria stated in rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons
2. Recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13
3. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned criteria. Two of the criteria of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional criteria of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.



Because of inherent limitations in any internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, misstatements due to errors or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of internal control to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of its design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving internal control, including procedures for safeguarding securities, and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that meet the criteria referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for their purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not meet such criteria in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2001 to meet the SEC's criteria.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, and other regulatory agencies that rely on rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Ernst & Young LLP*

February 8, 2002